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Military Information from the Weisswasser Troop Training Grounds

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PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT 8 to 22 September 1952

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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 13 to 22 September 1952, the quarters of Camp Nochten-Borberg at the Weisswasser (O 52/A 74) troop training grounds were occupied by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank, artillery, signal or motor transport insignia. Groups of up to and including 40 soldiers were repeatedly seen at the AT artillery range firing with rifles, machine guns and 122-mm field howitzers. Thirty soldiers practiced with 3 T-34/85 tanks and 1 JSU-122 gun. On 19 September, 2 T 34-85 tanks and 3 JSU-122 guns were at firing practice with live ammunition on the tank firing range. On 17 September, ammunition boxes were unloaded at the Weisswasser railroad station and hauled to Camp Borberg. Motor vehicles seen in traffic from and to the

on 22 September, T-34/85 tank

was loaded on a railroad car at the Weisswasser railroad station. The car was coupled to a freight train which pulled out toward Spremberg.

2. On 20 September, the units in Camp Nochten-Borberg would leave for Fall maneuvers on 5 October. On that day, the officers' club, the magazine and kitchen would cease operating and, together with the other component, return to Cottbus (N 52/A 57). Upon completion of the maneuvers which were allegedly to last 8 to 10 days, the troops were to move to the military posts. many Russian women arrived in the camp in September. They were quartered in low wooden buildings and received uniforms. Motor vehicles in the camp and on the parking lots

3. During the night of 15 September, tank firing was heard from the Weisswasser troop training grounds. At 9 a.m. on 16 September, about 70 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and organized in groups practiced firing with rifles and machine guns. Six T-34 tanks and 1 JS tank were parked on the tank firing range. Residents of Nochten firing practice was conducted

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only at night.

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[redacted] the 9th Meoz Div was still at Weisswasser with most of the units on 22 September 1952. Except for a few motor vehicles of the GOFD and of army troops of the Third Gds Meoz Army, the motor vehicles belong to [redacted] the division would leave for all maneuvers on 5 October and subsequently return to the posts. [redacted]

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